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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 29 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

11.15 a.m.	4238th meeting*	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Guinea-Bissau

* Open briefing.

UNITED NATIONS MONITORING, VERIFICATION AND INSPECTION COMMISSION (UNMOVIC)

Third plenary session

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	74th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [38]
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/476)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.39)

(continued overleaf)

2. Appointment of the members of the Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women [17 (i)]

3. Culture of peace: draft resolution (A/55/L.43/Rev.1) [33]

4. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the special session of the General Assembly in this regard: draft resolution (A/55/L.40) [37]

5. The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order: draft resolution (A/55/L.15/Rev.2) [174]

3 p.m. 75th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Question of Palestine [41]

(a) Report of the Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/55/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/639)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.45, A/55/L.46, A/55/L.47, A/55/L.48)

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

3 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 38th meeting Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions: financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries [92 (e)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.2 and L.41

2. Environment and sustainable development: Convention on Biological Diversity [95 (b)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.20 and L.44

3. Training and research [97]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.25/Rev.1

4. High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development [101] (A/55/74, 139, 315, 375 and 459 and A/C.2/55/6)

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m. 39th meeting Conference Room 2

High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development [101] (A/55/74, 139, 315, 375 and 459 and A/C.2/55/6)

Conclusion of general discussion

Action on the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/55/L.45

Afternoon*-6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 2

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Ms. Anne Barrington (Ireland), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.19 (item 92 (a)) and L.24 (item 97)

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* Immediately following the adjournment of the 39th meeting of the Second Committee.

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.22 (item 93 (a)) and a draft Chairman's text on agenda item 102

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L. 39 (item 94 (a)), L.17 (item 95 (a)), L.21 (item 95 (d)) and L.18 (item 99)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 3

1 Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor [134]

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.9

2 Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo [133]

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.10

3 Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [117]

Report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations and other related reports (A/55/305, A/55/502 and A/55/507 and Add.1)

Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (A/C.5/55/15)

Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission (A/55/629)

Revised estimates under section 7, International Court of Justice (A/C.5/55/21 and A/55/7/Add.2)

Introduction and general discussion

4 Report of the Economic and Social Council [12] (A/55/3 chaps. I, VII, (sects. B and C), and IX)

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 138 (b) (Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (A/55/482 and A/55/516)) and 116 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Outsourcing practices (A/55/301 and A/55/479))

* Following the adjournment of the 33rd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

3 p.m.*- 6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on agenda item 169 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations)

7 p.m. - 10 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Human resources management (A/55/253 and Corr.1, A/55/270, A/55/168, A/55/427, A/55/499, A/55/399 and Corr.1, A/53/955, A/C.5/54/21, A/54/257, A/54/279 and Corr.1, A/C.5/55/L.3, A/C.5/54/L.3, A/C.5/54/2, A/54/450, A/C.5/55/CRP.1 and CRP.2); Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/55/397 and A/55/352 and Corr.1); and Management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization (also under agenda item 116 (A/54/793 and A/55/499)))

* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

JOINT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations of the Third and the Fifth Committees on agenda item 118 (Programme planning) and in particular Programme 19 (Human rights) (A/55/6 (Prog. 19), A/C.5/55/20 and Add.1 and A/C.5/55/CRP.3)

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	255th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR
THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Sixth session

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on financial regulations and rules

WORKING GROUP ON RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE COURT AND THE UNITED NATIONS

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.		Conference Room 1
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.		Conference Room 1

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE
AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Executive session on the report of the Panel on the United Nations Peace Operations
2. Capital master plan

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

WORKING GROUP

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 29 November 2000, there will be meetings of interested delegations on draft proposals, as follows:

Conference Room A: A/C.2/55/L.29 (item 92 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room B: A/C.2/55/L.15 (item 95 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room C: A/C.2/55/L.36 (item 100), from 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for this consultation

Announcement

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) announced the launching of the Official United Nations Web site on the 2002 review of progress achieved since UNCED at www.un.org/rio+10. This Web site will provide information about the preparations for the review at the national, regional and international levels, as well as links to United Nations System and major group partners. The information on this site will be regularly updated as the preparatory process unfolds. Inquiries about the web site can be directed to Division for Sustainable Development of DESA (tel.: (212) 963-8811, or (212) 963-8429, or by e-mail at dsd@un.org).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 29 November 2000

ARAB GROUP OF THE
PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR
THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

AFRICAN GROUP: GROUP OF EXPERTS
ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 20)

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

2 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on A/C.2/55/L.36)

3 p.m. - 4 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on A/C.2/55/L.4 and L.22)

6 p.m.- 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

ANNUAL BRIEFING ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL
FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors to discuss the draft resolution on agenda item 14 (Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency), organized by the delegation of Nigeria, *today*, 29 November 2000, from 12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 2 November 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

The Web site of the Netherlands Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/netherlands.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 30 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9.30 a.m. 6th meeting Conference Room 3

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly and allocations of items: request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by several Member States (A/55/238) [8]

3 p.m. 76th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

The situation in the Middle East [40]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/538, A/55/639)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.49, A/55/L.50)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	40th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3
7 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

JOINT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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The 2000 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission will be held on Friday, 1 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All Member States are invited to attend.

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The 2nd meeting of the Credentials Committee will be held on Monday, 4 December 2000, at 10 a.m. Delegations that have not submitted credentials are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rule of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420A).

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Monday, 4 December 2000, at 11 a.m. sharp, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (6 to 16 March 2001). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Women, the girl child and HIV/AIDS; and (2) Gender and all forms of discrimination, in particular racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (Room DC2-1259), no later than Thursday, 7 December 2000.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 5 December 2000, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 9.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The fourth session of the Conference of the Parties will take place from 11 to 22 December 2000 in Bonn, Germany. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 18 to 20 December. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 5 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment is open until Tuesday, 5 December. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the technical Secretariat of the Conference in New York (Ms. June Chesney: tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: chesney@un.org). The list will be reopened in Bonn on Monday, 11 December (telephone and fax numbers to be announced).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Bonn on Monday, 11 December.

The provisional agenda and organization of work for the session is contained in document ICCD/COP(4)/1 and can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site (http://www.unccd.int).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Thursday, 30 November 2000, at 11 a.m. (conference room to be announced).

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There will be a closed meeting of the African Group of the Whole on Thursday, 30 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations of co-sponsors and interested delegations on draft resolutions on the closure of the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant and the economic assistance to the Eastern European States affected by the developments in the Balkans, under agenda item 20 (b) (Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions), organized by the delegation of Ukraine, will be held on Thursday, 30 November 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the second session in the annual series entitled "Public-Private Partnership for Sustainable Development". This session will focus on "Public-Private partnership for Infrastructure Development". The workshop to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 7 and Friday, 8 December 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, a draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is *today*, 29 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9684).

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on the "Human Rights Balance Sheet 2000", organized by the International NGO Committee on Human Rights, on Thursday, 7 December 2000, from 11.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of the panel will include H.E. Sr. Juan Gabriel Valdés, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations; Mrs. Elissavet Stamatopoulou-Robbins, Deputy Director, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights; and Mr. Malcolm Smart, Programme Director, Human Rights Watch. Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 14 December 2000 , from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., and Friday, 15 December from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, a draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Thursday, 7 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9684).

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There will be a meeting of police contributors to the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNMIBH), and the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) on Friday, 1 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Hédi Annabi, Assistant Secretary-General for Operations, Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 28 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4236th meeting

The situation in East Timor

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Sergio Vieira de Mello, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Transitional Administrator for East Timor.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Transitional Administrator for East Timor.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Namibia, the United Kingdom, Ukraine, Bangladesh, Argentina, Canada, China, Malaysia, the Russian Federation, Tunisia, Jamaica, Mali and France, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the Netherlands.

Mr. Vieira de Mello responded to the comments and questions posed by members of the Council.

4237th meeting

The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Ms. Carolyn McAskie, Emergency Relief Coordinator ad interim, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by the Emergency Relief Coordinator ad interim, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, the United Kingdom, Canada, Argentina, France, Namibia, the United States, China, the Russian Federation, Tunisia, Jamaica, Malaysia and Mali, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the Netherlands.

Ms. McAskie responded to the comments and questions posed by members of the Council.

The representative of Namibia made a further statement.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

73rd plenary meeting

Assistance in mine action [47]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/542)

(b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.44/Rev.1)

The General Assembly decided to hear the observer of Switzerland in the debate on agenda item 47.

The representative of France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.44/Rev.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of Norway, Canada, Japan, Australia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the United States, the Philippines, Egypt, the Russian Federation, Peru, Pakistan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Republic of Korea, Cambodia, Slovenia, Nicaragua, Argentina, Croatia, China and Israel.

In accordance with its decision taken earlier at the same meeting, the General Assembly heard a statement by the observer of Switzerland.

The Assembly was informed that action on draft resolution A/55/L.44/Rev.1 would be taken at a later date to be announced.

Postponement of the date of recess

The General Assembly decided to postpone the date of recess from Tuesday, 5 December 2000, to Friday, 15 December 2000.

Programme of work

The President informed the Assembly that it would take up agenda item 43 (The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development) on Monday, 4 December, in the morning. The President also informed the Assembly that it would consider the reports of the Sixth Committee on Tuesday, 12 December, in the morning.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2000

78th and 79th (closed) meetings

Consideration of State party reports [6]

The Committee discussed and adopted concluding observations on Belgium.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Sugar Agreement, 1992. Geneva, 20 March 1992

Extension of time-limit under article 38 (2) of the Agreement for the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval until 31 December 2001

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Ratification: Samoa (27 November 2000)*

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Convention and Protocols are scheduled to be open for signature to all States, and by regional economic integration organizations provided that at least one Member State of such organization has signed this Convention and these Protocols, from 12 to 15 December 2000 at the Palazzi di Giustizia in Palermo, Italy and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 12 December 2002, in accordance with article 36 of the Convention and articles 16 and 21 of the Protocols. In order to become a Party to the Protocols, a State or regional economic integration organization must also be a Party to the Convention, in accordance with article 37 of the Convention.

Consistent with the current practice, delegations intending to sign the Convention and Protocols are advised to submit for legal verification, where necessary, copies of full powers in advance of the signature event to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Secretariat, Room S-3200C, New York, N.Y. 10017 (fax: (212) 963-3693). Originals of full powers should be submitted to the Conference Secretariat in Palermo, Italy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibit

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian Art Exhibit entitled "The Land". The exhibit will be displayed at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from *today*, 29 November, to Tuesday, 12 December 2000.

The formal opening of the exhibit is scheduled for 6 p.m. *today*, 29 November 2000, at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Screening of films

Also in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of two films entitled "Behind the Walls" and "Despite the Odds". Both films will be shown *today*, 29 November 2000, at 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber and at the exhibit area, throughout the duration of the exhibit.

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DPI/NGO Briefing

In connection with the observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons, the topic of this week's DPI/NGO briefing will be "International Day of Disabled Persons: Making Information Technologies Work for All". The briefing will take place on Thursday, 30 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m., in Conference Room 4. The briefing is organized by the Department of Public Information. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff, and the media invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Yvonne Duncan (NGO Section, DPI (tel.: (212) 963-1285).

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World AIDS Day

In observance of World AIDS Day, a special event, organized by the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI) and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), will take place on Friday, 1 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. In keeping with the theme "AIDS: Men Make a Difference", designated by UNAIDS for its World AIDS Campaign, there will be a discussion on changes in male attitudes and behaviours that could halt the spread of AIDS. The event, moderated by Riz Khan, CNN International, is co-sponsored by the Department of Information, UNAIDS, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and loveLife/The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Mr. Kensaku Hogen, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, will open the programme. H.E. Mr. Harri Holkeri, President of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General, and Mr. Elhadj Sy, Representative, UNAIDS Liaison Office in New York, will deliver opening remarks. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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